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NAVIGATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

Navigation on the Monongahela river was practically suspended this morning. Steamboats made a valiant effort to keep the stream open, but had to give way to the Frost King who put the final touches on the closing of the river last night.

Wednesday morning four boats of the Vesta line made a determined attempt to reach the mines in the upper end of the fourth pool with empties, the Vesta leading the way with a bulldozer and the Sailor, Titan and Henry Laughlin following. Two of these boats reached Vesta No. 1 and two of them got to California, but it is not likely they will make any further effort to navigate until there is a change for the better in weather conditions.

Wednesday morning the steamer Rover of the Pittsburg Coal company fleet, attempted to make the run from Monongahela at Lock No 8, but had to give up the attempt because of the heavy ice. The Arrow and Bertha, of the same company, are repairing wheels near Tremont mine, above Belle Vernos and it is expected both steamers will go to the bank to wait until moderating weather softens the ice sufficiently to allow the towing of loaded and empty barges.

The closing of navigation will likely cause the closing of a number of mills temporarily in the Pittsburg district, because of their inability to secure fuel. They have been running on a short supply for some time and the present embargo imposed by the ice in the Monongahela will prevent them from getting any further supplies for several days. Last winter navigation was suspended for one week, and this is likely to be duplicated this winter unless a sudden thaw should bring a change in conditions.

Alexander Gray, Sr.

Alexander Gray, Sr., aged 67 years one of the oldest residents of Dunlevy died at his home Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock after a prolonged illness. He was born in Wingate, England, May 30, 1850, and came to America 52 years ago. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Betty Marlor, four sons, Robert, Thomas, Alexander, Jr., and John of Dunlevy, and four daughters, Mrs. Gus Renkerb of South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Harry Minehart of Brownsville, Mrs. William Jones of Donora and Mrs. Neal Mouts of California; also 25 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at his home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment in Donora cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF WM. A. WALTON

Funeral services for William A. Walton, whose death occurred in Washington, D. C., on Monday, were held in the Hewitt Presbyterian church, Rices Landing, this morning at 10:30 o'clock and were in charge of Rev. John C. McMinn. Interment was made in Hewitt cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hottz and niece Mary Hottz have returned to their home at Massilon, Ohio, after spending two weeks with Mrs. Hotz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brounce.

AUTO TAGS GOOD UNTIL JANUARY 10TH

Reports from Harrisburg say that because of the uncertainty of railway deliveries State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil Wednesday night extended to January 10 the time which automobile and truck owners may operate their machines with 1917 licenses. All records for licenses have been broken, $1,250,000 having been received for licenses in two days

COUNCIL HOLDS A REGULAR SESSION

A regular monthly meeting of borough council was held in the clerk's office at the borough building Tuesday evening, with Messrs. Swickey, Hein Mitchell and VanVoorhis present. In the absence of the president, Mr. Swickey was called to thechair.

No reports were made by the Burgess, borough treasurer or tax collector.

Mr. Williams was present and asked council to take some action with reference to securing water service for a tenant house owned by him on Washington avenue. Superintendent Darby of the water company was present and explained the company's side of the case after which council decided it had no jurisdiction in the matter, and that the parties at interest would have to settle the matter between themselves.

Chairman Swickey appointed a committee, composed of Messrs Mitchell, Hein and Borough Clerk Nicholson to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of former councilman, J. W. Cordes.

The street commissioner was instructed to build steps between the properties of Charles O. Frye and Collins on Crest avenue, between Fourth and Fifth street.

This completed the most important proceedings of the evening after which council adjourned.

SON OF FORMER COUNTY REGISTER IS DEAD

Fred R. Robison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robison of Washington, died at his home, Allegheny avenue, Pittsburg on Monday last. He is survived by his wife, his parents and one brother, Silas Robison of Monongahela. Funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday with interment in Monongahela cemetery. The father of the deceased, W. C Robison, was formerly Register of Wills of Washington county, serving in the office for two terms.

INCREASE IN MARRIAGE LICENSES LAST YEAR

During the year 1917 there were 1158 marriage licenses issued from the Clerk of Courts office in Washington, an increase of 89 over the year 1916. The largest number in any one month was 133 in April last.

Marble and Granite Display

Two car loads of granite and marble monuments just unloaded, are now on display at the show room of the M. T. Crowley Marble and Granite Works, 325 McKean avenue. 138-tf*

CAR OF SUGAR HELD ON SIDING

Forty tons of sugar are reported on the siding at Uniontown, which has been there for the past three weeks and which is now paying demurrage at the rate of $5 a day. The sugar is consigned to the order of Simon John and the Uniontown Grocery Company, and while the housewives of that city are putting up with a shortage of the sweet ingredient, the shipment remains in the car until such time as the consignee shall see fit to release it.

Uniontown people according to the Herald, feel that some action should be taken in the matter that the food administrators be notified of the shipment and that is is being held in the railroad yards, not only holding a large amount of sugar from the market, but likewise making a storage place out of a car that should be put back into service to help relieve the car shortage.

Some weeks ago it was reported that a large number of cars containing foodstuffs had been stored on the Pennsylvania railroad sidings in New Eagle borough, but the truth or falsity of the rumor was never ascertained. It is known, however, that a large number of loaded cars were placed at that point one night, where they remained for many days, finally being taken away to some other locality. The change in the administration of the railroads may assist somewhat in preventing a further recurrence of any such methods on the part of consignees to hold up loaded cars until such time as it suits their convenience to unload them.

EXTEND CALL TO A NEW PASTOR

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, held after prayer service Wednesday evening a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. C. Argyle Keller, of North Side, Pittsburg to become the pastor of the church. It is expected that the call will be accepted, and that within a short time Mr. Keller will be in Charleroi to assume the duties of his new position.

Rev. Mr. Keller has been heard by the congregation of the First church for the past few Sundays and he made a most favorable impression on the members. This impression finally culminated in the call which was so unanimously extended by the congregation Wednesday evening. A telegram was sent to him Thursday morning advising him of the action of the congregation and a favorable reply is expected within a very short time.

CORONER'S REPORT SHOWS MORE SUDDEN DEATHS

The report of Coroner James T. Heffran for the year 1917 shows that there were 35 homicides in the county for the year, the largest in the history of the coroner's office. There were 298 violent deaths, mines claiming 94 and railroads 50 of this number.

COMPARISON OF COAL SHIPMENTS

The shipments of coal through Lock No. 4 for the year 1917 exceeded those of 1916 by 10,959,000 bushels. The total for the year 1917 was 214,673,000 bushels, while in 1916 the total was 203,959,000. The past year would have made a better record in the way of shipments had not river and weather conditions in December been so unfavorable. In 1916, during the month of December 18,950,000 bushels of coal were shipped through No. 4, while in 1917 the totals were 14,219,000, or a falling off of over four million bushels in one month. Generally speaking, however shipments in 1917 were of a very uniform character, only one month showing below twelve million bushels when conditions last February were such as to tie up navigation for quite a period.

The shipments in bushels by months in 1917 were as follows:

January. 17,782,000; February, 11,141,000; March, 16,849,000; April, 12,978,000; May. 19,499,000; June 19,277,000; July 17,615,000; August 21,023,000; September 18,169,000; October 22,176,000; November 23,695,000; December 14,219,000.

The 1916 shipments in bushels were as follows:

January 18,469,000; February 17,308,000; March 17,885,000; April 11,942,000; May 11,790,000; June 6,042,000; July 16, 154,000; August 18,074,000; September 18,471,000; October 19,942,000; November 19,328,000; December 18,959,000.

METHODIST GROUP PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer metings which are being held preparatory to the month of revival meetings to be held in the Methodist Episcopal church will be held tonight as fololws:

Group 1—At Mrs. Lyda Hormell's 125 McKean avenue.

Group 2—At Mrs. L. W. O'Neil's, 813 Fallowfield avenue

Group 3.—At Mrs. Elza Hazelbaker's Fourth stret and Meadow avenue.

Group 4.—At Mrs. A. M. Besson's, Seventh street and Lincoln avenue.

Group 5—At Mrs. James Murphy, Meadow avenue.

Group 6.—At Mrs. Clyde Flannagan's, Lock Four.

NO MERCY WILL BE GIVEN TO DRAFT SLACKERS

The government will show no mercy to those young men who left the country last summer in order to escape the provisions of the draft law. It is given out from Washington that a number of such men, some of whom are quite wealthy, would now like to return to the United States, and try to "square things" with the government. It looks as if they would have to take their medicine.

Mrs. Brent Heckman was a Pittsburg visitor.

MINISTERS DISPOSE OF MONTHLY BUSINESS

A meeting of the Charleroi Ministerial Association was held in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with Rev. C. A. Hartung, President of the Association, presiding. After the regular business of the month had been disposed of Rev. John R Burson read a review of Dr. Wells' book, "Mr. Brittling Sees it Through."

PASSENGER TRAINS TO BE TAKEN OFF

As intimated in Wednesday's Mail, a curtailment of the passenger train service on the Monongahela Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad will become effective on Sunday, January 13. Just what trains will be eliminated has not been determined upon, but they will likely be announced within a very short time.

The necessity for this curtailment of service has been evident for some time, due to the fact that freight offerings along the Division have been greater than ever before and in order to move it with any degree of satisfaction it will be necessary to give freight trains more lattitude in the way of track service. As at present constituted, the passenger train service gives but little opoprtunity to the freight service to make satisfactory time, and as a consequence it is possible that quite a number of passenger runs will be annulled. Railroad men have been of the opinion for some time that this would be done and now that the railroads are under government supervision the officials will not hesitate to take such steps as may be necessary to permit of the more rapid handling of freight trains on the Division. Coal and coke shipments, as well as of merchandse, have been very heavy all fall and winter, with a possibility of even greater volume as the spring time approaches, which makes it imperative that some plan be adopted whereby all freight shipments will be facilitated. This can be done by cutting down the passenger train service.

Notice to The Public.

"Big men should not bluster, for even tho' they be stupid, by remaining silent they often win the reputation of wisdom." However, through the kindness of my many friends, I was, at the last election, chosen to fill the important office of Justice of the Peace. On January 7, my office will be open in the Greenberg Building, where I will be prepared to attend to any and all business coming under the jurisdiction of the office with promptness and courtesy.

The dog license is now due for 1918 and must be paid not later than Jan. 14th. Please call at my office, where you will be furnished with both tags and license.

Firmly believing that I can best show my deep appreciation to my friends by strict attention to duty, I remain,

Respectfully,
R. J. Whitehead.
169-t1-*

Wanted.

Man to carry parcel post. Apply to postoffice. 167-t3-p-*

REGRET RETURN OF GEN. SIBERT

Many local residents will regret to learn that Gen. William L. Sibert, who went to Europe second in command of the American Expeditionary Forces to General Pershing, has been returned to America. He has been assigned to duty as commander of the South-east District with headquarters at Charleston, S. C.

Gen. Sibert, after his splendid services to the government in the Engineers, was looked upon as one of the best general officers in the United States army, and it was expected that he would add still further to his military accomplishments by his achievements along the battle line in France. It is intimated however that Gen. Sibert's long tour of duty in the Panama zone, where he was in charge of a portion of the canal, made him physically unfit to undergo the rigors of winter in northern France and his transfer as a consequence was decided upon.

Gen. Sibert, when in charge of the improvements of the local rivers made quite a number of friends in the Monongahela valley by his very courteous manner. He was regarded as one of the best constructing engineers ever in charge of river improvements in the district, and was a firm believer in water transportation. Under his direction the improvements on the upper Ohio river made strides, while he was ever mindful of the needs of other streams which came under his jurisdiction.

Mrs. Margaret T. Lynn.

Mrs. Margaret T. Lynn, aged [illegible] years, died this morning at 6 o'clock at the home of U. S. Orange, [illegible] street, where she had made her home for the past nine months. Mrs. Lynn was born near Brownsville [illegible] 1847, and made her home with the family of the late James Chalfant until her marriage to Theodore Lynn, who died 27 years ago. She lived in Brownsville for 16 years prior to her coming to Charleroi and was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church there. After coming to Charleroi she joined with the local Methodist church and was faithful in her attendance at its services as long as her health permitted. Even while confined to her room by illness, which began last September, she did not spend her time in idleness, but devoted what physical energies she had to knitting for the Red Cross, having completed seven pairs of wristlets and one scarf in that time. Three nephews survive, U. S. Orange, of Charleroi; W. B. Orange of Chillicothe, Missouri and A. B. Orange of Moweaqua, Ilinois.

Services will be held at the home of U. S. Orange on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The remains will then be taken to Brownsville on the 12:36 train and services held in the Methodist church there at 1:30 o'clock, with interment to follow in the Brownsville cemetery. Funeral services both here and at Brownsville will be in charge of her pastor Rev. C. A. Hartung.

Sampson Strausser of Detroit, Michigan, has just returned to his home after visiting with his grandparents. Mr and Mrs. John Crites, as well as other relatives and friends in Charleroi.

Majestic Theatre Today

WM. FOX presents the Fox Kiddies, in "ALADDIN AND HIS WONDERFUL LAMP"

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OUR CAPABILITIES.

One of the men amply qualified to discuss the war and its issues, which form thevital theme of the country, is Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. It is his opinion that this country can raise $100,000,000,000 in three or four years and equip and prepare 15,000,000 men for military duty abroad. What is sure, Judge Gary is convinced that these men, or at least as large an army as Uncle Sam may find it necesasry to raise, can be transported across the Atlantic ocean with no loss or comparatively small one, in spite of the submarine menace.

To date the United States Congress has arranged for the raising of $21,000,000,000 of which $7,000,000,000 is to be loaned to its allies while in the military and naval arms of the service there are 2,097,391 men ready for duty. Not only this, but there will probably be 600,000 more when the second draft is completed. Of the 2,087,391 men referred to, about 1,000,000 enlisted, which is to say, they went into the army and navy voluntarily.

So far as any one knows, and the information may not be entirely accurate, General Pershing has under him in France several hundred thousand men and new contingents are going over all the time.

In view of Judge Gary's intimate knowledge of industry, finance and the resources of the nation, his estimate of this country's ability to raise $100,000,000,000 within three or four years has aroused a great deal of discussion. Nevertheless a rapid computation made by some of tht financial authorities, after Judge Gary made the statement, shows that he was not far out of the way, if we take as a basis of the estimate the billions which the Unted States has found it necessary to secure in the first twelve months since entering the war.

Judge Gary maintains that in raising the $100,000,000,000 mentioned there would be no crippling of the financial strength of the United States and no checking of its industrial progress. Furthermore, when the need in view is taken into consideration—the job of making the world safe for democracy—no better investment of the money could be made.

SECESSION OF QUEBEC

Secession has never prospered on the American continent, either when our Southern States actually attempted it once in 1861-5 or when the New England States discussed and threatened it four or five times in an earlier period between 1803 and 1845. Whether the Canadian province of Quebec could be any more successful may be doubted, but the hazardous project is proposed, a motion having been offered in the Quebec Provinsional Legislature for the withdrawal of that province from the Confederation, guardedly recommending the step "if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union, progress and development of Canada."

Quebec may be regarded as such an "obstacle" only because of its opposition to conscription and its lack of hearty sympathy with Canadian participation n the war. It has always been to a certain extent a section apart because its inhabitants are French while the people of the other provinces are English, but this has not hitherto prevented a sufficient measure of harmony or union in the general aims of the Canadian Confederation. A complete separation would be a distinct loss to Canada, taking from the Confederation one of its most populous and important provinces which contains Montreal and Quebec, two of the Dominion's chief cities. A seceded Quebec would control the great St. Lawrence River, the principal artery for Canada's trade to the sea, as well as carry off great riches in the form of minerals, pulp wood and agricultural products.

[illegible] doubted, all Canada would be disposed to seek an honorable disarmament in case of any serious danger of the capture of Quebec.

"SAVED PARIS FROM HUNS."

"Sainte Geneviève, patroness of the city"—

Sainte Geneviève, [illegible] patroness of Paris, [illegible] the city by the [illegible] Christian Parisians [illegible] goodness of Paris. It will be sung [illegible] by men more [illegible] for the adherents of the Church of Rome in the [illegible] capital accord to the city's patroness the credit for having saved them from the domination of the Germans. It was she, terror of the Huns," they say, who inspired the military movement at the Marne which sent the Teutonic hordes staggering back [illegible] just as they seemed on the verge of taking Paris.

In those days of terrible peril when the Kaiser's armies were battering at the very gates of Paris, many of those who remained in the threatened city repaired to the church of St. Etienne du Mont on the Place du Pantheon to pray for the intercession of Ste. Genevieve.

When the armies were forced to retreat, the church was again filled with worshippers, this time to offer up thanks to the Patroness of Paris for answering their prayers.

Sainte Genevieve is supposed to have died on January 3rd, in the year 512, and ever since then she has been honored as the protector of Paris. The anniversary of her death has been celebrated for centuries by pilgrimages of the faithful to her tomb, where they light candles and place rosaries, scapularies and medals to have them blessed by the abbe.

UNLUCKY DAYS.

The first of the six unfortunate days of the year, as set forth by the ancient astrologers the third day of January. The other "unlucky days," when men are supposed to be in grave peril of death or misfortune, are the first day of July, the last day of April, the second day of October, the first of August and the "last day going out of December." "These six days with great diligence ought to be kept," says an ancient writer on astrology. Blood-letting and drinking of alcoholic beverages were considered especially dangerous on these days, involving certain death;" and if men eat any goose on these days within forty days they shall die; and if any child be born on these days, they shall die a wicked death." Proper observance of these rules mean that "of all the year thou shalt orderly be kept from fever, the falling gout, the sister gout, and loss of thy sight." It may well be imagined that in a superstitious age the rules prescribed for "keeping" the "unlucky" days were rigidly lived up to, so that, at any rate, if something did befall men they at least knew that the "unlucky" days were not responsible for their misfortunes. They naturally sought elsewhere to lay the responsibility and usually they found something upon which to hang their ill luck.

"ALADDIN AND THE WONDERFUL LAMP"

Today at the Majestic theatre the Fox Kiddies are being presented in "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp," a wonder picture of mystery, romance and thrills blended to satisfy both young and old. The picture is one of the best ever produced by the Fox company and presents one of the greatest fairy stories ever told.

HOME MADE BANK A RANK FAILURE

Two Donora foreigners who had no faith in banks are now poorer but wiser men. One of these unfortunates, Antonio DiGusti, is "out" $501.00, because he drew his money from the bank and entrusted it to the safe keeping of his bed, having placed it between the mattress and springs. After "depositing" his money in his room, which was in a boarding house he went to supper. When he returned his money was gone. Now Tony is suing his boarding mistress and Joseph Parento for the theft.

Another man, a Russian working at the zinc mill had $173.00, which he entrusted to the safe keeping of his trunk. While he was absent at a celebration some one broke open the trunk and took the money. Now he is looking for theperson or persons who robbed him. In all probability these two men will hereafter depend upon the security of the vaults of some bank rather than to their own protection.

Often Destroyed by Fire.

[illegible] after time, together with the rest of the city of Moscow, the Kremlin [illegible] burned from its foundation [illegible] 1812 when it was occupied [illegible] and the inhabitants of [illegible] themselves started the conflagrations in all parts of the city. It was [illegible] these fires which forced the [illegible] to commence his [illegible] across the snow-[illegible] steppes of Russia. Napoleon had his headquarters in the Kremlin [illegible] but the latter were not so destructive there as in other parts of the city, yet they forced evacuation.

Compressing Cotton.

Scientific investigation has proved that compression of a high degree does not injure the fiber, and cotton is packed in other countries today at a density substantially three times that of ours by the most economical practice. The Egyptian package has a density of about 37 pounds a cubic foot; the Indian cotton is compressed to 45 pounds per cubic foot, while some Indian and Chinese baling plants effect a density of from 55 to 60 pounds of cotton per cubic foot.

The Arab as a Neighbor.

The Arab makes a good neighbor. His love of the beautiful in architecture is evidenced in a hundred cities where his handiwork survives. Every visitor to Granada knows what was left behind at the Alhambra. When the Arab met Rome, he produced Palmyra; having absorbed the Sassanian dynasty of the neo-Persian empire in 637, the Arab created Bagdad; in overrunning Spain, he worked magic at Cordova and Seville.

To Remove Smoke Stains.

This suggestion will be beneficial to housewives who have not the convenience of electricity or the modern gas fixtures. Frequently the ceiling above an old-fashioned gas jet becomes discolored from smoke and heat. The discoloration may be removed if a layer of starch and water is applied with a piece of flannel. After the mixture has dried it should be brushed lightly with a brush. No stain or mark will remain.

Women Catch Fish With Hands.

Fishing in Samoan seas is often done by the women, and without nets, boats or hooks. They simply wade into the water and form themselves into a ring. The fishes being so plentiful, they are almost sure to imprison some in the ring. These women are very quick and active, and every time they catch a fish with their hands they simply throw it, alive, into the basket on their back.

Translation of Y. M. C. A.

W. Gordon Griffiths of the Y. M. C. A. told an audience at Cebu that he was proud to be a Welshman although he was unable to speak the "language of Paradise." He had, however, learned one thing in Welsh and that was that the letters Y. M. C. A. may be translated to mean "Yma Mae Cyfle Arderchog" ("Here is a splendid opportunity.")

Coffee a Nutrient.

Coffee is not a stimulant pure and simple, but a very considerable nutrient. Justus Liebig proved that, by taking equal lots of men, working in the salt mines, feeding one lot bread and meat, the other bread and coffee, and comparing results. The coffee squad did more work and came out in better shape than the meat eaters.

Strict Regulation.

Freeman was visiting at his grandpa's home, and as he was a mischievous little chap, was constantly being told, "Don't do this," and "Don't do that." Finally, with a look of disgust on his face, he climbed up into a chair and asked, seriously, "What can a fella do in this house, anyway?"

Studying Plant Life in India.

In order to encourage arboriculture and the study of plant life the government of India has offered a series of valuable prizes to be awarded to those who are most successful in various lines in connection with the growth of trees and shrubs on government land.

Neatly Put.

We are told that Tom Hood liked best to work in a serious vein, on such poems as "The Bridge of Sighs." As he put it himself: "It's only for my livelihood that I'm a lively Hood."—Boston Transcript.

Endurance of Reindeers.

The reindeer is said to be able to endure more fatigue than any other draft animal except the camel. It has been known to pull 200 pounds 10 miles an hour for 12 hours.

Wrong Side Up.

"Why didn't you toss a coin to decide which to do?" "I did, but the darn thing didn't come down the way I wanted it to."—Buffalo Express.

Climbing.

You can climb no higher than Fuji with your feet, but with your mind you may inherit eternity.—A Japanese Philosopher.

Cruel Enlightenment.

He—"You seem to think I couldn't make any woman happy." She—"Oh, yes, there is one; your widow."

Mercurius.

In the mythology of ancient pagan [illegible] Mercurius, or Mercury, to give the English form of the Latin name, [illegible] city of commerce and gain, and was identified by the Romans [illegible] Hermes. A temple was built to Mercurius as early as B. C. 495, near the Circus Maximus, and another of the gilded vessel near the Porta Capena by the side of a well. His festival was celebrated on May 25, and chiefly by merchants who visited the well near the Porta Capena to which healing powers were ascribed.

Great Mangrove Swamps.

Mindoro, one of the larger islands of the Philippine group, is a province by itself and contains 3953 square miles. It is distant from Manila a little more than 100 miles. Along the shores of this island are more than 30,000 acres of mangrove swamps, with large trees in practically virgin growth, conservatively estimated to yield 50,000 tons of bark readily convertible into approximately 17,000 tons of cutch. Just why this growth should have remained untouched for so long is not explained.

Monks Carved Church Seats.

Church seats carved by monks are to be seen within the walls of the ancient church at Clodock on the borders of Monmouthshire. The edifice was built some eight centuries ago and for many years it had interesting relations with Llanthony Abbey while it was the monks of the adjacent monastery that did much of the beautiful carving within its walls. The fine tower is now so dilapidated that it must be speedily restored if it is to be saved from ruin.

Rules Only for the Weak.

It is one of the weaknesses of mankind that it is forever establishing rules, programs, formulae. They serve their purposes for the guidance of ordinary minds. But the pioneers of thought ride rough-shod through the rulers. They gain the ends they desire by refusing to be directed by what someone else has thought before them, by what teachers have insisted upon as binding.—Exchange.

Best Kind of Play Is Work.

One of the best kinds of play is work. Many of the elements of play enter into work if it is performed in the right spirit. The most satisfying forms of play are those in which interest is excited: competition, with desire to succeed and accomplish some definite end, makes the game worth playing. Work is fatiguing and distasteful when it is lacking in these elements.

Take Pains.

Genius has been defined as an infinite capacity for taking pains, and talent, which is a sort of second cousin of genius, has the same characteristics, observes an educator. One who will take pains enough will meet with a measure of success. And no one who belittles the need of patient, plodding work is likely to succeed, no matter what his endowments.

At Sunday School.

"Give an account of Balaam," said the teacher. "Balaam was a prophet who lived a long way off," replied the student. "After a while he went out for a ride on his donkey, and he got very angry with the donkey and hit him, and a voice from heaven said, 'You must not hit the donkey; it is holy ground.'"

Making Bulgarian Milk.

The milk of the Bulgarians, well known all over the world for its superior nutritive quality, is made by exposing it to the sun, the rapid development of the germs under the action of the ultra violet rays being such that when it becomes dry they are in highly concentrated form.

Moss Is Valuable.

"Moss" is the popular name for several kinds of small flowerless plants which flourish in damp places. In mountainous and wet districts tracts of moss are of great service in retaining the water and preventing sudden floods.

Too Particular.

The girl who thinks more of her georgette crepe waist than she does of her beau and refuses to permit it to get mussed will never march to the well-known tune of Mr. Mendelssohn.—Florida Times-Union.

Some Towers.

The height of the Eiffel tower, Paris, is 986 feet; of the Blackpool tower, 520 feet; of New Brighton tower, 570 feet, and of the Woolworth building, New York, 750 feet.

Queer Place for Meteorites.

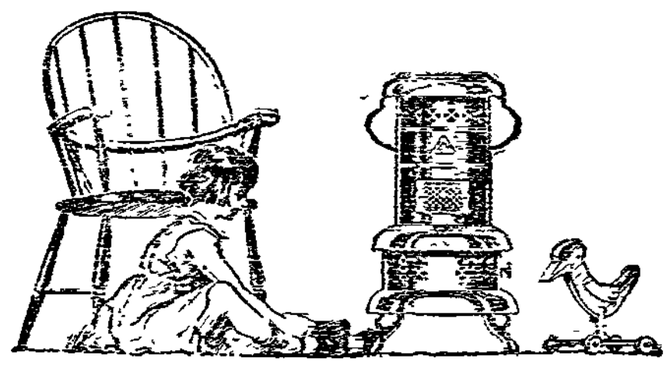
One of the remarkable features of the ocean's floor is the fact that in some places it is covered with the dust of meteorites.

Silent Applause.

Many a vaudeville actress seems to think she's a big thing because she sings through her nose, like an elephant.—Exchange.

Vehicles Bear Owners' Names.

In England all carts and wagons must bear the owner's name and address before being used in a public highway.



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The Potato.

The potato was first introduced into Spain by Hieronymus Cardan, a monk, in 1553; into England by Sir John Hawkins and Sir Francis Drake in 1563, and into Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1580.

Fertile Land Untouched.

The mountain regions of Cuba include many ridges and valleys of extremely fertile land, nearly all untouched, and existing practically as they did before the time of the Spaniards.

As the World Moves.

"Love makes the world go round," quoted the Parlor Philosopher. "Yes, but marriage generally squares things," added the Mere Man.—Town Topics.

Worth Consideration.

Pleasure comes through toil and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.—Ruskin.

Sir Oliver Lodge's Faith.

"I will not believe that it is given to man to have thoughts higher and nobler than the real truth of things."

Cupid Makes Early Call.

An American professor who has spent his life investigating and has collected the evidence of 1,703 young people, declares that both sexes start being wounded by Cupid's darts at the age of three and that a woman's love reaches maturity at twenty-two and a man's at twenty-four.

Velvet-Making.

Velvet was developed and originated from fur in China. Thence velvet-making was introduced into India, and in the fourteenth century into Italy, where that sort of fabric especially appealed, and where the art of velvet-making reached its height.

Culture Not Enough.

"Culture is dust and ashes if the spiritual foundations are not well laid, and it takes two, a man and a woman, to lay those foundations."—Dorothy Canfield.

Uncle Eben's View of Life.

"Life," said Uncle Eben, "is like a trip in a flivver. If you misses de right way, the harder you travel de worse you gits lost."—Washington Star.

Buds and Flowers in Cooking.

The French Canadians are said to use the acid flowers of the redbud, or Judas tree, in salads, while the buds and tender pods are packed in vinegar. Honey locust pods, often locally called "honey-shucks," contain a sweetish, thick, cheeselike pulp, which is often eaten. Those of the mesquite furnish the Mexicans and Indians with a nutritious food. The Creoles of Louisiana, famous for their cookery, are reported to use the young buds of the sassafras as a substitute for okra in thickening soups.

Nova Scotia's Fish Army.

Nova Scotia is literally "the land of fish"—cod, herring, mackerel and the giant albacore or tuna. Nova Scotia is so much a land of fish, says a writer, that it produces over one-fourth the value of the entire Canadian catch, or $9,166,851 worth. Every tiny haven around the extensive Bluenose Land coast harbors fishing smacks galore, while Lunenburg, Canso, Liverpool and Chester are home ports for hundreds of fleet-winged deep-sea banking schooners.

Reason and Emotion.

What a mysterious conflict that is between the reasoning power, which keeps pointing out the right road, and an ill-regulated emotional faculty, which seeks to draw one along the wrong road. Indulging the wrong habits always makes the upward path so much steeper and the downward path so much easier. How fortunate that man is whose false steps are arrested by a friendly touch of common sense disguised in a flash of satire!—Sir George Reid.

Nature Is Outwitted.

The man who invented the sewing machine achieved what he was after when he stopped trying to imitate the human hand. If you go into a factory you will see machines doing things which only human skill could do but a short time ago, but the processes are quite different from the manual method. The inventors have risen superior to the formula that nature would seem to have laid down for them.

Natural Gas.

Natural gas is probably formed in the earth by a process of natural distillation from the animal and vegetable remains of past geological epochs, and is nearly the same product as is distilled from coal in the retorts of gas factories only instead of the heat of fires the internal heat of the earth, aided perhaps by chemical decomposition, has caused its formation on a magnificent scale.

Nature's Error.

Sufferer writes us that if nature had known what she was about when she made man, she would have given him two noses—one to have a cold in and one for general utility. Then you could get the first one amputated (as in the case of tonsils or an appendix) and live comparatively happily ever after. We will call nature's attention to it.—Exchange.

Spartan Feminine Poise.

Our idea of poise crystallized into definite form when a perfect 36, almost a stranger to us, with whom we happened to be lunching, inadvertently dropped a grape skin down her decollettage and, except for one slight and almost imperceptible wriggle, gave no sign of nervous disturbance as long as we were around.—Ohio State Journal.

Rabbit Hair Supplants Wool.

Rabbit hair is supplanting wool in the felt hat making industry of Australia, where there are thirty factories in operation at present making use of rabbit fur for this purpose. It is said to be superior to the finest merino, and millions of rabbit skins are made use of annually.

Time for Strategy.

There is no such thing as returning to the days of one's youth. If there were and we were asked if the teacher licked us, our reply would be "Not exactly: we made a strategic retirement after almost losing the seat of our trousers."—Houston Post.

Kissing.

An optimist holds this pleasant prospect out to engaged couples: "Unmarried couples kiss and forgive. Married couples kiss and declare a truce while the heavy artillery is being moved up."—Kansas City Star.

Word From Brer Williams.

"Pay as you go" is a mighty good principle, but de price has got you goin' so fast you des throw 'em de money an' holler: "Keep de change!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Aspen Wood for Matches.

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden as it is easily cut and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

Beet and Wheat Food Value.

That there is more food value in one acre of beets than in four of wheat is the contention of German agricultural scientists.

A Question.

Why don't we get dimples instead of rinkles?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WEATHER REMAINS IN THE VICINITY OF ZERO

Weather conditions show no improvement, although the government reports had indicated warmer weather for Wednesday. Last night was one of the coldest of the winter, the thermometer ranging from 4 to 14 degrees below zero, according to locality. The official report at Lock No. 4 was four below, while many of the thermometers on thesurroundings showed the mark much lower. Fair and somewhat warmer conditions are promised for the next few days, but in this we may be disappointed.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY

The annual congregational meeting of the Christ Lutheran church was held Wednesday evening. The following members were elected to the church council for the ensuing year, Charles M. Brown and R. O. Vetter elders; A. L. Huepel, James Sharp and John Wolff, deacons.

LOCAL COUPLE MARRIED AT LUTHERAN PARSONAGE

Wednesday January 2, Andru Ehko and Miss Ada Scoppoth of Charleroi were married at the parsonage of the Christ Lutheran church by Rev. C. P. Bastian, the pastor.

Sugar the Most Common Sweet.

The world has a sweet tooth. It would be difficult to find individuals and probably impossible to find a people who do not like sweets. And of all sweets the most common is sugar, practically all of which is produced from the sugar cane and the beetroot, the beetroot being the source of somewhat more than half the supply. Sugar not only pleases the palate, but it helps to sustain the body, for though it is not sufficient itself, it forms a very useful component of foods, being easily soluble and assimilable.

Injecting Ink Into the Eye.

Sometimes when a scar has been left on the cornea of the eye it is most unsightly. Oculists used to tattoo these scars with India ink, but the method was not satisfactory and has almost been abandoned. Dr. F. H. Verhoeff of Boston describes in the Journal of the American Medical association the delicate operation by which he injects India ink with a hypodermic syringe into such scars, and says the results are far superior to the old-fashioned tattooing.

Garden Hose Restores Vision.

Garden hose, at full pressure, restored a man's sight at San Rafael, Cal., recently. The man, Charles Brown fell 40 feet from the roof of his home. Neighbors turned the garden hose on his head as a first aid measure and after an examination Brown was found to be the better instead of the worse for his tumble. His vision was completely cured. He is wondering whether it was the fall or the garden hose that was responsible.

History of the Louvre.

The Louvre was originally a royal residence. Napoleon turned it into a museum and deposited in it the finest collection of paintings, statues and art treasures known in the world. Many of those brought from Italy have been restored to their rightful possessors. The magnificent buildings of the new Louvre, begun by Napoleon I and completed by Napoleon III, were inaugurated in 1857.

Ox, Slowest Animal.

There is no animal possessing less speed than an ox. In the old days, the days before the advent of railroads it would take a farmer and his ox team two weeks to make a round trip with twenty-five or thirty bushels of grain to market, a trip that can now be made by rail in half a day. Then the patient animals did well to jig along at the rate of two or three feet a second.

Severe Test.

Perhaps no test of one's poise and manual dexterity is more difficult for a man of sedentary and intellectual pursuits than the effort to pick up seven or eight newly released watermelon seeds from the tablecloth with his left hand without arousing so much as a passing suspicion in his wife's breast that they're there at all.—Ohio State Journal.

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No advance in price for this 20-year-old remedy—25c for 24 tablets—Some cold tablets now 30c for 21 tablets—Figured on proportionate cost per tablet, you save 9½c when you buy Hill's—Cures Cold in 24 hours—grip in 3 days—Money

FIRE FIGHTERS HAVE BUSY NIGHT

Fires in Monessen and Donora Monday night last did several thousand dollars' worth of damage. In Monessen a fire broke out in a bakery on Schoonmaker avenue about 8 o'clock and in a short time assumed such proportion that calls were sent to Charleroi, Donora and Monongahela for assistance. All of these departments responded and gave the Monessen department splendid aid in confining the fire to a few buildings.

Owing to the intensely cold weather it was hard work battling against the flames, which, before being brought under control, caused about $80,000 damage. The Commercial Hotel was in the fire zone and was considerably damaged, while the bakery, where the fire originated, was practically gutted.

While the departments were fighting the Monessen flames a call came from Donora, saying that a dangerous blaze had broken out at the corner of Fifth street and Thompson avenue, which threatened to assume alarming proportions. As the Monessen fire was well in hand at the time the Donora and Monongahela departments answered the call. However, before the arrival of these departments the fire fighters from the wire mill had arrived on the ground and put out several strings of hose, which permitted a number of streams of water to be turned on the fire. The buildings destroyed were one story frames, and involved a loss of about $5,000. They were immediately back of the Bank of Donora building and in a thickly built-up district. The calls made it a very strenuous night for the firemen, who worked hard to keep the flames from spreading to any considerable extent.

At Monessen, while themen were at work, some of the citizens passed hot coffee among the firemen as well as canvas gloves, both of which were highly appreciated by the fire fighters.

TWO LIGHTLESS NIGHTS EACH WEEK

In compliance with the request of the fuel administrator of Washington county, the West Penn Power Company's Charleroi division will keep the window and sign lighting circuits dark on Thursday and Sunday nights of each week. The new schedule will go into effect at once. The same conditions will prevail in all the territory covered by the West Penn and until further notice all window lighting systems carried on a flat rate as well as all advertising signs, will not be furnished power on the nights indicated.

Maj. H. B. Duncan of Washington called for an observance of these nights last week, but there appeared to be a total disregard of the request. Possibly those who had window lighting systems and advertisng sgns were of the opinion that the ruling did not apply to them, but the West Power Company has been notified that it refers to all, regardless of who they may be.

The elimination of the window and sign lights on these nights is in the interests of fuel conservation and the request, which will be made an order if necessary, will be enforced in every community in the county from this time forth.

GIVEN CHANCE TO GET A COMMISSION

Sergeant John Carrick of Monongahela a member of Company A, of the 110th Infantry, has been designated by General Muir as one of the men from the regiment who is to be sent to the officers training school at Camp Hancock, to try for a commission. This school opens on Friday, the 4th inst. Over 400 men in the 28th Division will take the course which will last for three months.

PERSONALS

Wm. Schmalbach, who has been spending a ten-day furlough at home left for Philadelphia to resume his duties on the battleship Oklahoma on which he is stationed as a marine. He was accompanied as far as Pittsburg by his sisters Clara and Caroline, Miss Frances Luker of Monongahela and William Sims of Charleroi.

C. B. Jacobs and family have returned to their home in Cleveland after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. [illegible]

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FOR SALE—A twelve room house with a six room house in rear. Rents for $52 per month $3700. Peoples Realty Company. 166-tf

FOR SALE—48 inch top oak dining table. Fine table in good condition. Cheap. Inquire 77 Mail office.

FOR SALE—McKean Avenue property. On easy terms, well rented, two lots, row of three houses, room to build more. Fine income property. David M. McCloskey, Admr. 168-t3p

FOR SALE—Wholesale and retail bakery, equipped with electric dough and cake mixer, Hubbard portable oven and small brick oven. A good place for a good man. Reason for selling, ill health. Address box 124 or 629 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 169-t3

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FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. 101 Fallowfield avenue. 164-tf

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WANTED—To rent house with modern conveniences in or near Charleroi. Address C6 Mail office. 151tfp

WANTED—Bookkeeper. Apply between 3 and 8 any evening to the Peoples Store, Monessen, Pa. 165-tf

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 330 Washington avenue. 167-tf

WANTED—Men between 21 and 40 years for conductors and motormen. Apply 9 a. m. to 12 room 8 Bank of Charleroi Building. 167-t12

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply at 412 Fallowfield avenue. 167-t3-p

WANTED—Driver. Inquire of Armour & Co., Charleroi. 169-t3

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At the Coyle theatre today one of America's greatest farce comedies featuring Madge Kennedy in "Baby Mine." Tomorrow Douglas Fairbanks will be presented in one of his latest pictures, "Reaching for the Moon," which teems with sensational incidents and laughable comedy.

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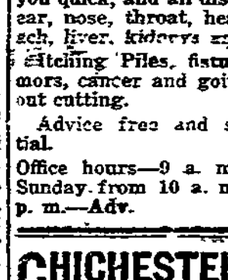

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Boys Drowned, Cat Escaped.

The tables were turned in a tragic manner at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, recently when two young boys who attempted to drown a cat—at the request of the animal's owner—were themselves drowned in a small bay about two miles from the city. The cat struggled while the lads tried to hold its head under the waves and before the boys realized their danger they were swept out to sea by the outgoing tide. The cat escaped from the water and returned to its old home.

Utilizing Rice Hulls.

Experiments have been made with rice hulls in combination with different binding agents, but while the resulting briquets gave every satisfaction from the standpoint of heating, yet the initial cost of the various binding agents made their cost too high for practical purposes. The experiments, however, are being continued, and it is hoped that in the future a briquet can be manufactured that will be satisfactory from an economic standpoint.

Meet Trouble.

Rise above small things. The woman who lets small things worry her will be completely undone the first time she meets with a really big problem. It is disintegrating to your mental and nervous condition, not to mention your physical condition, to worry. You needn't be resigned to fate nor slip your troubles off as the old friend duck's back throws water. But you can meet troubles with a will to conquer them or adjust them—and, after that, "they should worry," but not you. —Exchange.

A Leaking Faucet.

When the faucets in the bathroom or kitchen leak or do not allow the water to flow freely they need a new washer, and the washers cost five cents each. To put on the washer, turn off the water, the rod is usually under the sink or in the basement, and unscrew the faucet; take off the worn-out washer and slip on a new one and turn your water on again and presto! the work is done and no repair bill to pay.

Make Windows by Hand.

In making stained-glass windows every bit of the work is done by hand, and it is amazing to realize how many times each piece of glass must be handled. An operator tells of counting up one day and finding that no less than twelve times were necessary. All the leadwork is done by hand too, even the opening of the little slots into which the glass is fastened.

Record Floods in China.

The Celestial kingdom has been the scene of some of the most terrible floods on record, observes London Tit-Bits. In 1801 the Yellow river overflowed and destroyed nearly 2,000 villages and towns and 5,000,000 people. Two years later there were great inundations in Mongolia, caused by typhoons, resulting in a death roll of 6,000.

Do Your Work Properly.

Make up your mind that you will do what you have to do the very best you know how. There is very little work that is really difficult. But all good work is painstaking. If you put your whole soul into your work, you will learn to enjoy it, and you will become constantly better and more worth while.

Origin of the Greek Church.

Apart from theological discussions, such as those rising from the addition of the words, "and the son," in the creed, the separation of the Latin and Greek churches may be traced to the founding of Constantinople and the political division of the Roman empire, according to Little Stories. Ignatius, patriarch of Constantinople, had been deposed and was succeeded by Photius, who excommunicated the Pope of the East in 867, and passed sentence of excommunication on the bishop of Rome. The churches became reunited towards the end of the ninth century, and remained so until the middle of the eleventh century, when in 1054 Michael Cerularius, patriarch of the East, renewed the condemnation of the Latin church, and was in turn excommunicated by Pope Leo IX. Efforts toward reunion were made from time to time, and at Ferrara (1439) the Greek prelates signed a decree of union, but were forced by the people and clergy to repudiate it. Since then the two communions have remained separate.

Boa Constrictor May Be Trained.

There are several varieties of boa constrictors, the best known being the Giboia or land boa constrictor.

This is the smaller, and least vicious of the tribe. It is harmless and will not attack unless attacked, writes a correspondent. In fact, if caught young it may be tamed, and the natives of the Amazon valley frequently keep them around their houses instead of house cats, as they keep the place clear of rats, mice and other vermin, and even of larger marauding animals. You can buy these snakes in the markets of Para, Manaos and other North Brazilian ports, where they are offered for sale in boxes, like chickens or rabbits and the owner will haul them out and demonstrate them to you.

The water boa constrictor is the largest known snake in existence, growing to the length of thirty to forty feet and the thickness of a man's upper leg.

Edward's Diplomacy.

Edward had been told repeatedly not to say he did not like food which was passed to him at the table. He was invited to a neighbor's to dinner and was offered cherry pie, which he did not care for. He tactfully said, "Well, I'm just crazy for cherry pie, but won't you just save it for supper?"

Chinese Plant Statuettes.

Chinese gardeners sometimes plant statuettes of tiny men firmly in pots, just like real plants, and then train live evergreens to grow up over these statuettes. The vines thus form a kind of robe for the statuette men, their white faces and hands protruding from the green leaves.

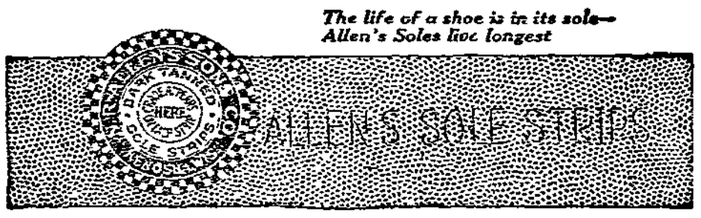
An Arab's Saying.

"It is well that all men are not rich. Riches corrupt the soul, but virtue enlarges the hope." These words were found in the parchment of an Arabic treatise by some ruler, and is no doubt the bitter verdict of many that are rich today.—Exchange.

What Might Have Been.

"What are you worrying about?" "If I eat eggs I think about the chickens they would have produced, and if I eat chickens I think about the eggs they might have laid; and it's becoming difficult for me to enjoy anything."

The life of a shoe is in its sole—
Allen's Soles live longest



Wise Buying Is the First Rule in Economy

It is not enough to say "Half-sole these shoes." Rather say "Half-sole them with Allen's Sole Strips."

Then you are sure of getting greatest wear. For Allen's Sole Strips are made from specially selected packer range steer hides. They are tough, pliant and most economical in the long run.

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HAPPIEST PERIOD OF LIFE

Generation That Really Knows What Gladness Is Has Not Been Born, Asserts Chinese Paper.

[illegible] to [illegible] Fifty [illegible] born in this [illegible]—that only [illegible] and institutions of the [illegible] century have ever [illegible] life [illegible].

In turn, [illegible], there is no way accurately to survey the degree of happiness of a period or even to define exactly what happiness is, says the Chinese Herald.

All we can know for certain is that the happiness of our own times is the best that is attainable to us, and lucky is he who gets his share of it.

Happiness, like health is known to us chiefly through its opposite. Health is known through disease and pain, and happiness through disappointment and misery.

The masses of mankind, until this century almost dumb, now make heard their sufferings and dissatisfaction. The woes of centuries are finding utterance in the free speech of our day. The wail may cause the unthinking to suppose that the sun of human happiness is suddenly obscured. But, on the contrary, the remedies following the better understanding of wrong conditions steadily improve the conditions under which happiness may become more general. The more we hear of wrongs, the fewer wrongs we have.

Philosophers may wrangle about it until doomsday, and no doubt they will; but the age which knows the least earthly misery and woe is the one that has been longest dead, and the generation that really knows what happiness is and can realize its full possession is a long time yet unborn.

NEITHER PENCIL NOR PEN

Writing Implement, Made of Mixture of Wax and Ground Pumice Stone, Recent Invention.

A writing implement composed of a mixture of wax and finely ground pumice stone containing particles of ink has been invented by William C. Geer of Akron O., to take the place of ordinary and fountain pens, pencils, crayons and all other writing implements, say the Popular Science Monthly. As the body of the new writing device is composed of a mixture of wax and pumice stone, which is easily worn away when rubbed against a paper surface, the inventor claims that the cells of ink intermixed with the wax and pumice stone will also be liberated, giving a uniform supply of ink.

The device is made by mixing the wax, pumice stone and ink together. When it is heated to the proper temperature it is suddenly immersed in cold water. This chills and solidifies the wax mixture, producing a body having a cellular structure, each cell being filled with ink.

Cactus Candy.

Louisiana sugar cane planters have evolved a plan for manufacturing candy from the spineless cactus. In the process the peel of the plant is removed, dipped into hot molasses and coated with granulated or powdered sugar. The result is a confection of rich and delicious flavor.

So successful have been the experiments with the new sweet that cane planters are now growing cactus, which formerly was utilized, when used at all, for cattle fodder. Planters can in this way furnish plenty of raw material for the new product.

Another important result is the making of what some enterprising advertiser may call "kaktus-kandy," says an exchange, is that sugar mills which have heretofore been idle for nine months in the year can now use part of their equipment in the candy manufacturing industry.

Light and Thought.

Not all thought is traveling. The supposition that when one thinks of the moon one's thought travels to the moon is a mistake, for the thought is formed in the mind and remains there. The time taken to "think of anything," declares a writer, "occupies some small fraction of a second. Light "travels" at the rate of about 186,000 miles a second, and if it is thought which travels in what is called telepathy it would have to travel at the same speed because ether, the medium which transmits light, would also transmit the brain vibrations that accompany thought. The telepathic theory of "thought which travels" has been objected to on the ground that after traveling considerable distances, such as are sometimes claimed for telepathic communication, the brain vibrations would be so diffused and weakened as to make no impression.

The Kremlin's Famous Cathedral.

For centuries the czar received the crown "from God and the fatherland" in Uspenskiy cathedral, in Cathedral square, on the summit of the Kremlin, and in the Cathedral of Archangel Michael are the tombs of many of the emperors down to Peter the Great. In the upper story of the treasury repose the crowns of the early czars, several thrones, war trophies and miscellaneous curiosities. In the arsenal is a priceless collection of arms taken in conflict.

Within the Kremlin are grouped some of the most beautiful buildings of Russia. Within its walls may be read the architectural history of Russia, while the most interesting sight is the tower of Ivan, raised to a height of 323 feet and crowned by a gilt dome.

HALF-SOLED HER SAVING BANK

Shoemaker Finds Eight Hundred Dollars and Goes in Woman's Shoe —Gets Small Reward.

Business was dull with Engle the shoemaker. Many persons had brought [illegible] to his shop to be repaired [illegible] leather was in [illegible] silver, says the Arizona Republican.

Only one more pair [illegible] of woman's shoes to be half-soled. The boy departed.

Shortly thereafter Engle pulled [illegible] shoes. From the toe of one shoe fell a purse, it had tightly closed. Before the shoemaker had recovered from his astonishment another purse fell from the toe of the other shoe. Two purses, both fat.

Engle opened the first fat purse. There was $200 in bills.

Then Engle turned to the second purse. From that one came flashing diamonds, necklaces, rings and eardrops. More than $500 worth.

The shoemaker gathered up the bills and the diamonds and put them safely away and turned to his work. Counting the bills or admiring the diamonds "don't make [illegible] for Engle.

Then a frantic woman burst into the shoemaker's shop. No need for Engle to inquire what she wanted or why she was frantic. The shoemaker knew. The shoes belonged to her and so did the bills and diamonds and other gems. She had taken her safety deposit vault to the shoe shop.

Almost in hysterics the woman recovered her money and jewelry, more than $800 in all. She clasped the two purses to her and immediately a great relief spread over her. Placing 50 cents in the hands of Engle the shoemaker the woman left the shop. Engle turned to his shoe repairing.

STORMS AND FOREST TREES

Timber Most Firmly Rooted Will Endure Strain Better Than That of Strongest Wood.

It is always interesting to watch the effect of storms anywhere, but in the woods these effects are most varied and remarkable, says a writer.

It frequently happens that a tornado or hurricane will follow a certain course and level only the trees in this line, often leaping from place to place. In such cases all trees in its swath suffer or are blown down; but where there is a general very high wind and all trees are hit with about the same force it may be noted that the best rooted ones and not those of the strongest wood survive.

Wind resistance of the whole tree has also something to do with the bending character of the trunk and branches, for where these give before the force of the storm they permit the wind to slide off. The hickory, above all, will not yield, and consequently receives the hardest strain against its entire top, whether full leaved or bare. It may be commonly noticed that in a mixed woodland, where a hard wind has driven, there are more hickories down than any other trees.

His Apparent Yearn.

"I expect to remain at least two weeks if your accommodations prove satisfactory," said the horse-faced gent. "I wish a room with southern and western exposure. I observe that the railroad runs within half a block of the hotel—you will kindly request the company to refrain from blowing their engine whistles in this vicinity. Persons in adjoining rooms should be cautioned about making unnecessary noises. I wish prompt service at meals, and am especially desirous of having strictly fresh peanut butter, Eata-Bitta health food, distilled water, and—"

"Uh-huh!" nonchalantly returned the landlord of the Petunia Tavern. "What you want, podner, 'pears to be Ouija board, not plain village board. Well, the—yaw-w-w-wn! — house is full, and I can't accommodate you."—Kansas City Star.

No Crocuses in November.

It should be a consolation to women who have passed thirty to remember that the most beautiful work of human hands—the Venus de Milo—is the statue of a mature woman, comments a writer. All the Venuses, in fact, are represented as mothers. There is not a young girl in the lot. Among the Greek statues only Psyche could qualify as a Broadway beauty, and even Psyche might appear a little plump and mature to the admirers of the human reedbird.

Of course, every woman should fight ugliness to her last hour. She need not lose her beauty at any age. But one does not expect to pick snowdrops or crocuses from the fallen leaves of November, and it is just as futile to hope to look sixteen when you are forty.

The Beauty of Truth.

Only that which has character is beautiful.

Character is the essential truth of any natural object, whether ugly or beautiful; it is even what one might call a double truth, for it is the inner truth translated by the outer truth; it is the soul, the feelings, the idea, expressed by the features of a face, by the gestures, and actions of a human being, by the tones of a sky, by the line of a horizon.

Now, to the great artist, everything in nature has character; for the unswerving directions of his observation searches out the hidden meaning of all things.

There is nothing ugly in art except that which offers no outer or inner truth.—Rodin.

Fatigue and Toxin.

The idea that fatigue is due to a specific toxin, as suggested by Weichardt early in the century, has been a special line of late investigation at [illegible] Columbia university, but it to have no good foundation. There is nothing, therefore, to encourage the hope that an antitoxin may be found. In the experiments made with animal muscles, a test muscle suspended in the juice of a fatigued muscle lost much in contractile power, but the juice of a non-fatigued muscle produced substantially the same effect.

Largest Poisonous Reptile.

The Surucucu, known as the bushmaster, is the largest poisonous reptile in the world, and is fortunately rare and found only in the depths of the jungle and swamps, where man rarely penetrates. It attains a length of twelve to fifteen feet; the color of its body is rose, or rather yellowish pink, with brown patterns and tints of purple. Its bite is almost always fatal. Its fangs are an inch long and as much as ten ounces of venom have been extracted.

Thought and Faith.

Men who are seeking for knowledge in regard to subjects as to which there can, in the nature of things, be none, might well ask themselves whether there is to be no sphere left in human thought in which faith can operate. It was said of Arnold of Rugby that his mind could rest as quietly in the presence of doubt as in that of discovered truth. It is a great thing to be able to believe where we cannot prove. —Exchange.

Floods in Brazil.

The native inhabitants of Brazil have lately been suffering from the disastrous effects of the flooding of the Amazon, whose relentless waters have submerged the countryside for hundreds of miles around. At regular intervals this mighty river overflows its banks, and a famous traveler estimated that no fewer than 5,000,000 natives have lost their lives during the last five centuries through these terrible floods.

He Didn't Know.

In a murder trial six experts were examined. Most of them had a national reputation. A hypothetical question of 20,000 words, which it required two hours to read, was asked of Doctor Jelley, a Boston expert on insanity. The learned doctor answered the question in three words: "I don't know." A frank answer, but rather perplexing to counsel.—Case and Comment.

Figures Time of Falling Stone.

The time a stone would require to fall the 4,000 miles to the center of the earth has been calculated for the Paris Academy of Sciences, by M. Sanger. Considering the influence of the varying density of the earth, he finds the time would be 19 minutes 15 seconds, but if the mean density is assumed to be the condition, the time would be 79 seconds greater.

Our Rabbits.

The term rabbit was formerly more properly applied to the burrowing species of the old world, Lepus cuniculus (meaning to burrow), though by common usage our molly cottontail has so long been termed a rabbit that the name will now stand, as will that of jack rabbit for the big western hare of the prairies and Pacific coast.

Women Better or Worse.

Women, when they are bad, are worse than men and more disposed to commit crime. When the sex which is sweet by inheritance once becomes degraded it falls into greater excesses than the other. Women are always either much better or much worse than men.—Bonaparte.

A Commuter's Ambition.

We'd like to be in a financial position when we take a meal out, as we do once every two or three months with all the regularity of clockwork, to go to some place where "fruits in season" on the menu doesn't mean chiefly bananas.—Ohio State Journal.

Hint to Young Men.

Young men can aid in the conservation of coal and electric current by terminating their calls at a patriotic hour. Besides, every girl needs a certain amount of sleep.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Typewriting Fades Out.

It has been found that typewriting on parchment deeds is not durable. In deeds deposited within very recent years many lines are illegible and several lines have completely disappeared.

Crayon Will Help.

When someone has knocked a white place in the wall paper copy the proper coloring of the figure with crayons and the spot will not show.

Facial Failure.

He—"Your friend isn't much stuck on her looks." She—"Say, she wouldn't dare shoot her own husband." —Judge.

Scientific Foresight.

"How did the boy get his motorcycle?" "He seized the cycle-logical moment to ask for it."

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